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1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REF A, WHICH CAUSED BY ABSENCE OF UPU OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE, DDG SCOTT, WHO RETURNED FROM OFFICIAL TRIP TO UN IN NEW YORK ON MARCH 3.

2. SCOTT ADVISES THAT UPU DOES NOT MAINTAIN LIST AS REQUESTED IN REF A AND SUCH INFORMATION AS UPU HAS IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON FROM OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL POSTAL AFFAIRS, USPS. RELEVANT TOTAL FIGURES ARE THOSE REPORTED IN REF B, ANNEX 2. TO OBTAIN MAMOUNT OF YEARLY ARREARAGES, IT NECESSARY TO NOTE CONTRIBUTORY UNIT OF DEBTOR FOR YEARS IN ARREARS AND EQUIVALENT SWISS FRANC AMOUNTS. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TOTAL OF THESE FIGURES AND TOTAL MAOUNT LISTED IN ANNEX 2 REPRESENTS INTEREST AT FIVE PERCENT PER YEAR AND PUBLICATION CHARGES. SCOTT BELIEVES MISS HARRISON OF USPS HAS RELEVANT

DOCS AND BELIEVES IT WOULD BE QUICKER FOR DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN FIGURES FROM USPS DIRECTLY RATHER THAN TO HAVE HIS FINANCIAL STAFF, NOW HEAVILY ENGAGED IN PREPARING BUDGET DOCS FOR UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, DO THIS.

3. UPU HAS ALSO REQUESTED MISSION TO CLARIFY TO DEPARTMENT UNION'S UNIQUE BUDGET SITUATION WHEREBY SWISS GOVERNMENT ACTS AS UPU'S FINANCIAL GUARANTOR. UNION HAS NO WORKING CAPITAL FUND; GOS SETS ASIDE SUMS EACH YEAR EQUIVALENT
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TO AMOUNT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ESTABLISHES AS BUDGET FOR THAT

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YEAR AND UPU DRAWS DOWN THESE FUNDS AS EXPENDITURES ARE INCURRED. AT END OF CALENDAR YEAR, GOS ADVISES UPU OF TOTAL AMOUNT OWED;UNION THEN BILLS MEMBERS FOR THEIR SHARE OF TOTAL, BASED ON SIZE OF THEIR CONTRIBUTORY UNITS. UPU REPAYS GOS AS CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED. AT END OF YEAR FOLLOWING DISPATCH OF BILLS, UPU NOTIFIES SWISS AUTHORITIES OF ALL PAYMENTS MADE AND OUTSTANDING. FROM THIS POINT ON, IT UP TO GOS, THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, TO GET MEMBERS TO PAY OFF ARREARS. EXAMPLE: FOR ENTIRE CY 1974, GOS ADVANCES OPERATING FUNDS TO UPU AND SENDS UNIO BILL ON JANUARY 1, 1975. BY MARCH 1975 UPU HAS SENT INDIVIDUAL BILLS TO ALL MEMBERS REQUESTING PAYMENT BY DEC 1, 1975. IT REPAYS GOS AS SUMS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS. ON JANUARY 1, 1976, IT ADVISES GOS OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM CY 1974 AND FROM THAT POINT ON GOS DEALS WITH DEBTORS INDIVIDUALLY COLLECTING NOT ONLY PRINCIPAL, BUT INTEREST AT FIVE PERCENT ON THE BALANCE OUTSTANDING AFTER THAT DATE.

4. POINT SCOTT WISHED TO MAKE IS THAT, UNLIKE SITUATION IN ANY OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCY, CONTRIBUTIONS OF UPU MEMBERS WHO PAY REGULARLY AND ON TIME ARE TOTALLY UNAFFECTED BY ARREARAGES OF DEBTORS AND THAT UPU DOES NOT HAVE ANY ARREARAGES IN USUAL SENSE IN THAT THE OUTSTANDING SUMS ARE OWED TO GOS RATHER THAN UPU. DALE

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